Choose Our Own Career -- Resources and Ideas Sheet

These resources and ideas support library staff who are working with youth regarding career exploration, workforce skills, and soft skills development.

**Resources -- (General)**

Learning Express Database

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/learningexpresslibrary/libraryhome?aspxerrorpath=%2F>

Job & Career Accelerator

<https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/learningexpress-job-career-accelerator>

Bureau of Labor & Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook

[bls.gov/ooh](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/)

Glassdoor

<https://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>

VAcareerview.org

<https://vacareerview.org/k5/>

Job Seeker’s Toolkit (Enoch Pratt Free Library)

<https://www.prattlibrary.org/locations/jobcenter/index.aspx?id=4785>

**Resources -- (County-specific)**

Anne Arundel Workforce Development Center

<http://www.aawdc.org/>

Frederick County Workforce Development Services

<https://www.frederickworks.com/>

**Ideas**

* Support youth by offering employment opportunities, when possible.
* Create LibGuides with career resources (academic libraries)
* Offer “job” transitions or special education high school students
* Add to inquiry projects: “What careers relate to this topic?”
* Develop a partnership with public libraries to promote career exploration and workforce resources

**Insight:** Three of my parent volunteers have moved on to library jobs via Masters programs

**Challenge:** Finding levelled reading/information about careers